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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
236 Massachusetts Ave., NE
Washington, DC 20002

June 26, 2003

Re: GN Docket No. 00-185 and CS Docket No. 02-52

Inquiry Concerning High-Speed Access to the Internet Over Cable and Other
Facilities and Appropriate Regulatory Treatment for Broadband Access to the
Internet Over Cable

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 26, 2003, I had a telephone conversation with Ms. Barbara Esbin of the Media Bureau to discuss the above-captioned proceeding and to respond to a question she had raised in our meeting of June 23, 2003. Specifically, Ms. Esbin had asked about an article that appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on April 23, 2003. Yahoo!'s Geocities service enables users to set up web sites and allows others to view those sites. In contrast to what the article would suggest, in some cases Yahoo! restricts those who would link to Yahoo! and is not restricting links from Yahoo! to other sites. Thus, Yahoo! is not a network operator which takes it upon itself to restrict access to certain sites while allowing access to others. Instead, Yahoo! is an Internet site, which in some limited situations, restricts access to itself.

Sincerely,

John Scheibel
Vice President
Public Policy

Cc: Barbara Esbin

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